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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MANABU KATO	:	Examiner: J. Phan
Appln. No.: 08/951,635	;)	Group Art Unit: 2872
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For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS	:)	

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Sir:

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REMARKS

The cited documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action of a counterpart foreign application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Office Action is dated March 25, 2003. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed, together with an excerpted translation of the same. Also enclosed are translations of each cited document together with Abstracts obtained from a commercial database.

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<u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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